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1. REF. A, PARAGRAPH 2, TRAWLER PROGRAM. THE MISSION ACKNOWLEDGES VALID QUESTIONS RAISED, PARTCIULARLY AS REGARDS INTERNAL TNPD ADMINISTRATIVE CONSTRAINTS AND MAINTENANCE OF COVER. DURING BRIEF DISCUSSION NOVEMBER 22 WITH POLICE MAJOR GENERAL CHAK, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE MARINE POLICE, CHAK REEMPHASIZED THE LEGAL OBSTACLES POSED BY TNPD REGULATIONS. HE SAID THE MARINE POLICE HAVE IN THE PAST RENTED TRAWLERS FOR SOME OPERATIONS. RENTAL OF TRAWLERS. ALTHOUGH EXPENSIVE, MAY PROVIDE A LESS COSTLY AND MORE SATIS-FACTORY SOLUTION FOR MARINE POLICE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, EXPECIALLY AT THIS TIME. WE WILL EXPLORE THIS QUESTION IN DEPTH AND FORWARD RESULTS. COMMENTS CONCERNING MARINE POLICE MAINTENANCE ARE ALSO VALID. THIS QUESTION MAY BE MOOT PENDING FURTHER MISSION EXPLORATION CONCERNING TRAWLER QUESTION. ADDITIONALLY, MISSION IS CONCERNED THAT SPARE PARTS PROGRAMMED BE DESIGNATED ONLY FOR BOATS OPERATIONAL IN ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAM. UNLESS THIS POTENTIAL PROBLEM CAN BE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED, \$75,000 REQUESTED IN FY75 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR SPARE PARTS WILL BE DELETED.

2. REF. A, PARAGRAPH 3, CAMERAS. WE APPRECIATE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION FOR SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS. REFERENCE AERIAL CAMERAS, THE MISSION EXPLORED ALTERNATE SOURCES FOR CAMERAS WITHOUT SUCCESS. ROYAL THAI SURVEY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT IS DESIGNED FOR MAPPING AND REQUIRES EXTENSIVE AIRCRAFT MODIFICATION FOR USE. IN ANY EVENT THIS EXPENSIVE (ABOUT \$40,000 EACH) EQUIPMENT IS NOW FULLY UTILIZED. ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE EQUIPMENT IS ALSO FULLY UTILIZED. TNPD REQUIREMENTS FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY WILL INCREASE WHEN PLANNED ADDITIONAL HELICOPTERS ARRIVE AND AS SNO AIR OPERATIONS INCREASE IN THE SOUTH. THE TNPD HAS ONLY ONE OBSOLETE AERIAL CAMERA IN ITS INVENTORY.

3. REF. A, PARAGRAPH 6 - REVISED REQUEST AND JUSTIFICATION FOR PATROL BOATS SUBMITTED OCTOBER 29, 1974, IN TOAID A-367. ADDITIONAL COPIES POUCHED TO S/NM AND THAI DESK. KINTNER

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